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canons, it may be inaccurate to describe the state as an extensive fellowship of men, normally gathered together within a limited territory: wherein certain persons, to whom the rest defer, administer the affairs of government that all may have life, and that more abundantly. But such a paraphrase of the author's definition, for all its likely faults, is more human, more helpful and more hopeful than its original.

Lastly, your adventurous reviewer will be led to advance the hope that some day another Maitland will come to write in English a book on the science of law that shall embody insight, imagination, and literary power. It is a far call back to Thomas Hobbes — our mountain-peak of all these qualities. But until the second advent of a Maitland, let us not fail to recognize the high merit of Doctor Holland's Book: it is a definitive work of its necessary and valuable type.

WHITNEY SHEPARDSON.

POSSESSORY LIENS IN ENGLISH LAW. By Lancelot Edey Hall. London: Sweet and Maxwell, Limited. pp. 88.

This is a statement of English authorities on possessory liens. It is compact, logically arranged, accurate, and usually adequate on elementary propositions.

An English writer is not perplexed and stimulated by conflicting decisions as is an American writer. If he finds that the English courts have decided a point, and such decision is within the bounds of reason, there does not seem to be any particular occasion for considering the matter further. The American writer is likely to find that the same point has been decided differently by two courts of last resort, and that both decisions are well within the bounds of reason. If he has an intellectual conscience he is thereupon driven to independent thinking. Dr. Hall gives meagre evidence of independent thinking. There is about his book the charm of a Blackstonian finality and complacency.

E. H. WARREN.

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